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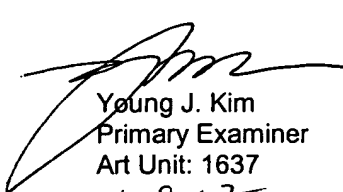
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Applicants' request for consideration of the reference published by Braden et al., published 1992, in the paper received on December 29, 2006, is noted. However, Applicants are advised that Braden et al. reference to which Applicants refer to as being considered was published in 1999. The Braden et al. reference which was not considered was published in 1992. These are two separate publications, and thus, there should be no confusion in the record of prosecution.

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